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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Liaisons/Specialists

Letter No.: 93-35

SUBJECT: Pregnancy Verification

Due to many questions from various counties, this letter is to reiterate and clarify existing procedures regarding pregnancy verification.

In accordance with Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 50167 (a)(8) "except for women applying for minor consent services under 50147.1, a woman whose eligibility or share of cost is based on pregnancy shall provide a letter of verification from either a physician or a person certified as a nurse practitioner, midwife or physician's assistant."

At outstation sites such as hospitals and clinics, verification of pregnancy will occur as stated in Section 50167 (a)(8) OR through annotation of the Medi-Cal applicant's or beneficiary's case file.

The Medi-Cal case file must contain either a copy of the pregnancy letter of verification or a legible case note. The legible case note must be entered in the Medi-Cal case record prior to the determination of Medi-Cal eligibility. The Medi-Cal case note must contain the following information:

1. The date of the chart entry reporting the diagnosis of pregnancy;
2. The estimated date of "confinement" must be stated;
3. The name of the physician, certified nurse practitioner, midwife or physician's assistant that diagnosed pregnancy, and the location of the medical record viewed; and
4. The outstation worker's signature, printed name and the date the medical record was viewed.

If the physician's verification letter does not contain all of the above information, the file must be annotated with the missing information.

Any questions regarding this letter should be referred to Ms. Loretha Ford of my staff, at (916) 657-3772.

Sincerely,

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